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Jan 22, 2004

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20040011241

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040011241 A1

TITLE: Model train control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: January 22, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 10/ 340522 [PALM]

DATE FILED: January 10, 2003

RELATED-US-APPL-DATA:

Application 10/340522 is a continuation-of US application 10/124878, filed April 17, 2002, US Patent No. 6530329

INT-CL: [07] B61 L 3/00

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 105/1.5; 246/167.00R, 246/197, 246/62

US-CL-CURRENT: 105/1.5; 246/167R, 246/197, 246/62

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 2

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20030001050

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030001050 A1

TITLE: Model train control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: January 2, 2003

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APPL-NO: 10/ 226040 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 21, 2002

RELATED-US-APPL-DATA:

Application 10/226040 is a continuation-of US application 09/585297, filed June 1, 2000, US Patent No. 6202215

Application 10/226040 is a continuation-of US application 09/541926, filed April 3, 2000, US Patent No. 6270040

INT-CL: [07] B61 L 1/00

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 246/1.00R

US-CL-CURRENT: 246/1R

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 2

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

3. Document ID: US 20020170458 A1

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020170458
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020170458 A1

TITLE: Model train control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: November 21, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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| NAME | CITY | STATE | COUNTRY | RULE-47 |
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APPL-NO: 10/ 124878 [PALM]

DATE FILED: April 17, 2002

RELATED-US-APPL-DATA:

Application 10/124878 is a continuation-of US application 09/858222, filed May 15, 2001, PENDING

INT-CL: [07] B61 D 17/00

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 105/1.5

US-CL-CURRENT: 105/1.5

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 2

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

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4. Document ID: US 20020113171 A1

PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020113171
PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020113171 A1

TITLE: Model train control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 22, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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| NAME | CITY | STATE | COUNTRY | RULE-47 |
| Katzer, Matthew A. | Portland | OR | US | |

APPL-NO: 09/ 858297 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 15, 2001

RELATED-US-APPL-DATA:

Application 09/858297 is a continuation-of US application 09/541926, filed April 3, 2000, PATENTED

INT-CL: [07] B61 L 25/02

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 246/124

US-CL-CURRENT: 246/124

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

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PGPUB-DOCUMENT-NUMBER: 20020111723

PGPUB-FILING-TYPE: new

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020111723 A1

TITLE: Model train control system

PUBLICATION-DATE: August 15, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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| NAME | CITY | STATE | COUNTRY | RULE-47 |
| Katzer, Matthew A. | Portland | OR | US | |

APPL-NO: 09/ 858222 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 15, 2001

RELATED-US-APPL-DATA:

Application 09/858222 is a continuation-of US application 09/550904, filed April 17, 2000, US Patent No. 6267061

INT-CL: [07] G06 F 17/00

US-CL-PUBLISHED: 701/19; 105/1.5

US-CL-CURRENT: 701/19; 105/1.5

REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 2

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

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6. Document ID: US 6702235 B2

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File: USPT

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US-PAT-NO: 6702235

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6702235 B2

TITLE: Model train control system

DATE-ISSUED: March 9, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
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APPL-NO: 10/ 226040 [PALM]

DATE FILED: August 21, 2002

PARENT-CASE:

This is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/858,297, filed May 15, 2001 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,494,408, for MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM., which is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/541,926, filed Apr. 3, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,270,040 for MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM.

INT-CL: [07] G05 D 1/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 246/1R; 701/19
US-CL-CURRENT: 246/1R; 701/19

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 246/1R, 246/3, 246/5, 246/167R, 246/187A, 340/146.2, 340/500, 340/540, 340/825, 340/825.01, 340/825.03, 340/825.06, 340/825.07, 340/825.22, 340/825.52, 340/286.01, 340/286.02, 701/19, 701/20

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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| PAT-NO | ISSUE-DATE | PATENTEE-NAME | US-CL |
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| <u>3944986</u> | March 1976 | Staples | |
| <u>3976272</u> | August 1976 | Murray et al. | |
| <u>4307302</u> | December 1981 | Russell | |
| <u>4853883</u> | August 1989 | Nickles et al. | |
| <u>5072900</u> | December 1991 | Malon | |
| <u>5475818</u> | December 1995 | Molyneaux et al. | |
| <u>5493642</u> | February 1996 | Dunsmuir et al. | |
| <u>5681015</u> | October 1997 | Kull | |
| <u>5696689</u> | December 1997 | Okumura et al. | |
| <u>5787371</u> | July 1998 | Balukin et al. | |
| <u>5828979</u> | October 1998 | Polivka et al. | |
| <u>5896017</u> | April 1999 | Severson et al. | |
| <u>5940005</u> | August 1999 | Severson et al. | |
| <u>5952797</u> | September 1999 | Rossler | |
| <u>6065406</u> | May 2000 | Katzer | |
| <u>6494408</u> | December 2002 | Katzer | 246/1R |

ART-UNIT: 3617

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Le; Mark T.

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ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

27 Claims, 13 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

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US-PAT-NO: 6676089

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6676089 B1

TITLE: Model train control system

DATE-ISSUED: January 13, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
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APPL-NO: 09/ 311936 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 14, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/104,416 filed Jun. 25, 1998 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,065,406.

INT-CL: [07] G05 D 1/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 246/1R; 201/19, 340/146.2

US-CL-CURRENT: 246/1R; 201/19, 340/146.2

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 246/1R, 246/167R, 246/3, 246/5, 246/187A, 201/19, 340/146.2, 340/500, 340/540, 340/825, 340/825.01, 340/825.03, 340/825.06, 340/825.07, 340/825.22, 340/825.52, 340/286.01, 340/286.02, 701/19, 701/20

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| <u>4307302</u> | December 1981 | Russell | |
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| <u>5493642</u> | February 1996 | Dunsmuir et al. | |
| <u>5681015</u> | October 1997 | Kull | 246/187 |
| <u>5787371</u> | July 1998 | Balukin et al. | 701/19 |
| <u>5896017</u> | April 1999 | Severson et al. | |
| <u>5940005</u> | August 1999 | Severson et al. | |
| <u>5952797</u> | September 1999 | Rossler | |
| <u>6065406</u> | May 2000 | Katzer | 105/1.4 |
| <u>6267061</u> | July 2001 | Katzer | 105/1.4 |
| <u>6270040</u> | August 2001 | Katzer | 201/19 |

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ART-UNIT: 3669

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Hernandez; Olga

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Chernoff Vilhauer McClung & Stenzel, LLP

ABSTRACT:

A system which operates a digitally controlled model railroad transmitting a first command from a first client program to a resident external controlling interface through a first communications transport. A second command is transmitted from a second client program to the resident external controlling interface through a second communications transport. The first command and the second command are received by the resident external controlling interface which queues the first and second commands. The resident external controlling interface sends third and fourth commands representative of the first and second commands, respectively, to a digital command station for execution on the digitally controlled model railroad.

47 Claims, 12 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 6530329

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6530329 B2

TITLE: Model train control system

DATE-ISSUED: March 11, 2003

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
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APPL-NO: 10/ 124878 [PALM]

DATE FILED: April 17, 2002

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/858,222 filed on Apr. 17, 2002 U.S. Pat. No. 6,460,467.

INT-CL: [07] A63 H 19/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 105/1.5; 246/167R, 246/197, 246/62
US-CL-CURRENT: 105/1.5; 246/167R, 246/197, 246/62

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 105/1.5, 105/1.4, 105/29.2, 246/187A, 246/167R, 246/197, 246/62,
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| <u>3976272</u> | August 1976 | Murray et al. | |
| <u>4307302</u> | December 1981 | Russell | |
| <u>4853883</u> | August 1989 | Nickles et al. | 348/121 |
| <u>5072900</u> | December 1991 | Malon | |
| <u>5475818</u> | December 1995 | Molyneaux et al. | 701/20 |
| <u>5493642</u> | February 1996 | Dunsmuir et al. | |
| <u>5638522</u> | June 1997 | Dunsmuir et al. | |
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| <u>5696689</u> | December 1997 | Okumura et al. | |
| <u>5787371</u> | July 1998 | Balukin et al. | 246/187A |
| <u>5828979</u> | October 1998 | Ploivka et al. | |
| <u>5896017</u> | April 1999 | Severson et al. | |
| <u>5940005</u> | August 1999 | Severson et al. | |
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ART-UNIT: 3661

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ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Hernandez; Olga

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27 Claims, 3 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

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US-PAT-NO: 6494408

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6494408 B2

TITLE: Model train control system

DATE-ISSUED: December 17, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY |
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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

| NAME | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | COUNTRY | TYPE CODE |
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APPL-NO: 09/ 858297 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 15, 2001

PARENT-CASE:

This is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/541,926, filed Apr. 3, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,270,040, for MODEL TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM.

INT-CL: [07] G05 D 1/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 246/1R; 701/19

US-CL-CURRENT: 246/1R; 701/19

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 246/1R, 246/3, 246/5, 246/167R, 246/187A, 340/146.2, 340/500, 340/540, 340/825, 340/825.01, 340/825.03, 340/825.06, 340/825.07, 340/825.22, 340/825.52, 340/286.01, 340/286.02, 701/19, 701/20

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ART-UNIT: 3617

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Le; Mark T.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Chernoff Vilhauer McClung & Stenzel, LLP

ABSTRACT:

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File: USPT

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US-PAT-NO: 6460467

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6460467 B2

TITLE: Model train control method

DATE-ISSUED: October 8, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTRY

Katzer; Matthew A. Portland OR 97229

APPL-NO: 09/ 858222 [PALM]
DATE FILED: May 15, 2001

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/550,904 filed Apr. 17, 2000, U.S. Pat. No. 6,267,061.

INT-CL: [07] A63 H 19/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 105/1.5; 105/1.4, 246/197
US-CL-CURRENT: 105/1.5; 105/1.4, 246/197

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 105/1.5, 105/1.4, 105/29.2, 246/197, 246/62, 701/19, 701/20

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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